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 Property Responsibility

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1. The attached draft of a proposed directive covering property responsibility for supplies and equipment procured for and utilized by the Office of Special Operations provides for the following:

- a. All property utilized by the Office of Special Operations overseas to be dropped by the Services Branch, A&M, at the time of transfer to OSO and to be under complete SO control and subject to regulations issued by SO.
- b. All communications property to be handled in the same manner as indicated above.
- c. All SO operational property to be handled in the same manner as indicated above.
- d. All other SO property to be subject to the same administration and control procedures as for the property of other echelons of CIA.

2. I concur in the proposals indicated in paragraphs 1a and d above.

3. Apparently the term "operational property" is defined as including all communications property but is given no other limitation in the draft. I am of the opinion that the use of so broad a term will provide a constant basis for contrary interpretation on the part of your services people and the Services Branch, A&M, and I feel that this term should be rather specifically defined. Also I do not concur that all communications property should be considered as operational property.

4. I wish to recommend that you give consideration to defining the term "operational property" as that property which must be procured through OSO procurement channels for reasons of technical security, and that all other property, including communications utilized by OSO in Washington, continue to be subject to the same administrative and control procedures as property of other echelons of CIA.

5. I will be glad to discuss this with you personally at your convenience at any time. I have already discussed it with the General Counsel who concurs in my suggestion.

Approved by
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